

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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RULE §1.53(b)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): IMAGE READING DEVICE THAT ADJUSTS FOR WEAKENING OF SCANNER
ELEMENTS OVER TIME

By (Inventors): Takafumi NAKA

- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-5; 5 sheets) are attached.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- An assignment of the invention to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.--
- Priority of foreign application No. 11-272052 filed September 27, 1999 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
- The filing fee is calculated below:

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- Check No. 112220 in the amount of \$690 to cover the filing fee is attached. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
- This application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified patent application and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-272052, filed September 27, 2000.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of said original foreign application:

XXX is filed herewith.

 was filed on in Parent Application No. filed .

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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